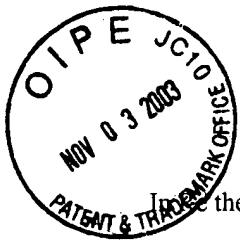


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of July 8, 2003 (Paper No. 11) and the Notice of Non Compliant Amendment dated October 24, 2003. Although Applicant believes no fees are due for the filing of this Amendment and Response, please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: